

PALM SPRINGS FIRE STATIONS EARTHQUAKE ALARMS ACTIVATE, STATION BAY DOORS OPEN 8 SECONDS BEFORE SIMULATED QUAKE HITS

QuakeGuard™ System Ensures Fire Trucks Ready For Action

PALM SPRINGS (November 13, 2008) -- At the Southern California ShakeOut Drill today, fire stations in Palm Springs equipped with QuakeGuard™ technology from Seismic Warning Systems were alerted a full eight seconds before the simulated main shaking was due to hit at 10 a.m., automatically opening bay doors, turning on lights and alerting firefighters before the main shaking started.

During the Northridge earthquake of 1994 many fire stations were unable to open their doors due either to loss of power or jamming.

“All the training and drills in the world won’t help if we can’t alert our firefighters and get our fire trucks out of the station when an earthquake strikes,” said Palm Springs Fire Chief Blake Goetz. “By opening the doors and setting off alarms before the main shaking starts, our earthquake early warning QuakeGuard™ system ensures we can do the job the city pays us for – saving lives and property.”

Designed by Seismic Warning Systems, Inc., QuakeGuard™ is quietly protecting fire stations throughout California. The system detects a quake’s P-wave that comes before the dangerous shaking waves arrive, similar to how we see lightning before we hear the thunder during a storm. If the device’s patented technology calculates from the P-wave that the quake is potentially dangerous, it immediately sounds alarms, and triggers the safety response system for that installation.

Communities where QuakeGuard™ is installed can be confident that this earthquake early warning system is ready to help protect their emergency service teams, schoolchildren, and businesses for the next big earthquake. “We only wish that awareness was greater across the state that this type of protection is available,” says Seismic Warning Systems CEO George E. Dickson III. “We would really love to see every school, fire station, hospital, business and other facility protected for the major quake that we all know is going to strike within the next 30 years.”

About Seismic Warning Systems, Inc.

Seismic Warning Systems has been providing systems and services for early seismic detection and automated system response to commercial, industrial and government customers for ten years. During this time not a single false alarm has occurred. The company designs and manufactures the patented QuakeGuard™ family of seismic detection systems, which help avert human injury and mitigate earthquake damage to property and other assets. Seismic Warning Systems is headquartered in Scotts Valley, California. More information about the company, its products and services is available at www.seismicwarning.com.

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